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The Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
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(Camp) Oorgaum,

Date 27th November 1941.

To

Rajasevaprasakta B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward, herewith, for information a copy of D.O. letter No:C.C.20/40-41 dated 25th November 1941 received from the Special Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, regarding the Labour situation at Kolar Gold Fields.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Narayanaswamy

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
Kolar District.

Subd
Law Minister) 29/11

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Add the Hammer & Sickle Sign &
the Red flag objectionable?
Are they prohibited in Br India?

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Subd
The Hammer & Sickle Crest is suggestive of Communistic ideas. It is reported to have been adopted by "The Indian Samadharma Youths' League", started in Bangalore city. The avowed object of the said Assocn is stated to be "Freedom from foreign yoke" Removal of poverty & inequality, Encouragement of Mass Education. Its activities are reported to be of an adverse character.

A report obtained some time back in regard to this Assocn is contained in C.S. file 15-40-56 Sec. It is also sent herewith for kind perusal.

29/11/41

It is not known if Red flag & Hammer & Sickle are prohibited in British India. The C.I.D. will be consulted.

Law Minister) 2/12/41

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N. PUTTARAMASWAMY, ESQ., B.Sc.,
Spl. Superintendent of Police.

.20/40-41.

Champion Reefs,
Dated 25th November 1941.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my report of yesterday, I beg to state that it is reported that Kannyappa, G. Narayanaswami, Govindaraj, Thangaraj, Ebenizer and Muniswami of Mysore mine who are congress-minded have hired a room in Andersonpet belonging to Mr. Bhwrilal and that they have hoisted a red Flag with the emblem of Hammer and the Sickle and fixed a sign-board K.G.F. LABOUR UNION, MARIKUPPAM". There is also information that Mahimanathan and his followers of Champion Reef are going to take up the adjacent room for hire to carry on their activities in that building as the owner of the S.R. building in Andersonpet has given them notice to quit. The building was formerly engaged by the K.G.F. Youth League for which Mahimanathan was then the Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

S. NARAYANA RAO, ESQ., M.A.,(Hons),
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
Kolar District.

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Referred to in the I.G.P's D.O. No. 93/S.B. dated the 19th Dec. 1940.

The present history of the two young men Sarai Hrabhandev and of their associates may be ascertained.

Some time ago, 3 years ago or 18 months ago, there was an enquiry about some one having Communist leanings ~~in Ooty~~ of an Engg graduate (?) who was stated to have gone from Seshadripuram to Bhadravati for practical training & to have left the place. Did it refer to Gopala Rao of Ooty mentioned as Siva's History Sheet?

Is the Ananta Murty now at Bhadravati (having gone from B'lore) Connected with these?

"Samadharma" ~~means~~ means "Equality" may mean Socialism or Communism.

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THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE • 19 DEC 1941 • BANGALORE

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector General of Police for kindly furnishing the information.

Information may also be kindly furnished if the use of the red flag with the emblem of Hammer and sickle is permitted in British India.

By Order,

M Visvanath

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Sec No. 19-41/CS
Date 19.12.41

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Returned with compliments -

PRABHUDEV has joined the Military Department as a "learner clerk" and has been posted to the Field Artillery Training Centre at Muttra. Sirsi is now working as a paid apprentice in the Hosiery Department of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills, Mysore.

I hope the Resd. is aware of this.
The Recruiting authorities here, the F.A.T. Centre at Muttra have been informed also
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The chief associates of Prabhudev are:-

(1) Doreswamy - Ring No.346, Bundling Section, Mysore Mills;

(2) Vajravelu alias Vajram - Roving No.127 of the Mysore Mills;

(3) Sriramulu Naidu - Ring No.379, Mysore Mills;

(4) Annaswami - Weaving Section, Mysore Mills.

Doreswami is a near-Communist and close associate of Prabhudev; the other three are helping to run the night school started by the latter at Srirampuram.

K.Gopala Rao of the Open Hearth, referred to in Sirsi's history sheet, is the latter's brother-in-law and has been working in the Iron and Steel Works for the last three years. He is not an engineering graduate and has never stayed in Seshadripuram, Bangalore City, nor has he come to adverse notice at any time.

M. Ananda Murthy who has been externed from

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from Bhadravathi, is not connected with any of the persons mentioned above. He is now at Tarikere where Ramachandra Setti and Krishna Bhatta, the other externees, are staying.

The Commissioner of Police, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, reports that the use of the red flag with the hammer and sickle is not prohibited in British India.

13th Jan. 1942. Inspector-General of Police.

Law minister)

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If appd, these papers will be sent again unofficially to the I.G. of police for furnishing the particulars required by the Law minister regarding S.V. Narayana Murti.

An U.O memo is also submd

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THE MYSORE IRON & STEEL WORKS

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B. VISWANATH, B.E.,
GENERAL MANAGER

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No 7493

20th January, 1942.

My dear Sir,

Under instructions from the Minister for Law during my personal interview with him yesterday-night at Shimoga, I enclose herewith anoriginal D.O.letter No.3666/C.B.15-37-175 dated 9th May 1938 (marked 'strictly confidential') addressed to the Chairman, the Mysore Iron & Steel Works in regard to the activities of one S. V. Narayana Murthi.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

B. Viswanath

Sabd
Law minister
21/1/42

This is the individual I reported to
in ~~account~~ B.
the Contracts of Rajasevaprasakta,

Rajasevaprasakta,
T. Kesaviengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, Bangalore.

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Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI, M.A., B.L.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 9th May 1938.

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D.O. No. 3666/CS 15-37-15

Strictly confidential.

Please call 93 in minute book
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10/5/38

Dear Sir,

I am desired to inform you that intimation has been received that one S. V. Narayana Murthi, a resident of Seshadripuram, Bangalore, and a member of a communist cell in Bangalore, is sending party literature to the foreman of the Mysore Iron & Steel Works, Bhadravati and has connections with four German Engineers employed there, having come into contact with them when he was an apprentice in the Works.

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The cell is affiliated to the Bombay Branch of the C.P.I. (Communist Party of India) and exerts influence among the students, mill and tobacco workers of the Civil & Military Station, and particularly in Congress circles.

Yours sincerely,

L T Ramaswamy

A. V. Ramanathan, Esqr., B.A.,
Chairman, Mysore Iron & Steel Works.

Gm. Has anything been traced subsequently? I send your papers regarding work.
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Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, for favour of kindly furnishing a report regarding S. V. Narayana-Murthi referred to by the Law Minister.

Kind reference is also invited to this office strictly confidential D. O. letter No.3667/C.B.15-37-176 dated the 9th ~~March~~ May 1938 in the matter.

M Visvesvaraya

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Returned with Compliments and a detailed note. Careful Enquiries have as yet been made, but I have been unable to discover any Communist activities or tendencies on the part of S. V. Narayana Murthi.

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3/2/42

Subject for perusal
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Law Minister

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S.V. NARAYANA MURTHI.

S.V. NARAYANA MURTHI is the son of Mr. S.R. Venkatasubbiah, retired Assistant Comptroller and Chief Accountant in Mysore Sugars, Bangalore. His eldest brother Mr. S. Visveswariah, B.E., has been a technical assistant in the All India Radio, Delhi, for the last two years. His next younger brother, S.V. Ramanna, is unemployed and his youngest brother S.V. Rangaswamy is a student in the Intermediate College, Bangalore. He has a sister who is married to Mr. S. Gopalaswamy, Assistant Professor, Maharani's College, Bangalore, and he himself has married the daughter of Mr. T.S. Krishnaswamy, Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga. His father is a native of Saklespur and owns houses and lands there and also house No.24, in Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore City. His uncle, Mr. S.R. Venkatakrishniah, is at present the Vice-president of the Saklespur Town Municipality.

Narayanamurthy passed the S.S.L.C. Examination from the Malleswaram High School in 1931 and then worked as an apprentice in the Government Porcelain Factory, Bangalore, for a year. In 1933 he joined the Engineering School, Bangalore and completed the course in Electrical Engineering in 1936. From July 1936 to November 1936 he worked as an apprentice in the Steel Plant, Bhadravathi. Thereafter, he underwent practical training in the Government Electrical Department, Bangalore, till about June 1937. From March 1938, he has been working as an Operator in the Air Conditioning Plant, Oorgaum, and lives near the Plant in quarters provided by the Oorgaum Mine authorities.

At the Engineering School he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Young Mysore League, which was

which was inaugurated by Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya in July 1935. The object of that League was to discuss political, cultural and social problems of the day and to engage in social work. S. Ramaswamy, the late B. Krishnamurthy and Dr. Ranga were responsible for the formation of the League and Mr. C. Aswathanarayana Rao, ex-Editor of the Navajeevana, was the president. Messrs: A.E. Waldon, then Principal of the London Mission High School, and O.S.N. Sheriff, (advocate, Bangalore) were vice-presidents. The League ran a night school in Waddarpalya, Bangalore City, for about a year and thereafter ceased to function.

Narayanamurthi became a member of the Indian National Congress in 1936 and continued to be a member until he joined the Oorgaum Mine in March 1938. He was for sometime Vice-President of the City Congress Committee, Bangalore. In January 1938, he attended the Congress Convention held at Chitaldrug as a delegate. He was a Leftist of the Congress Party in Mysore with Socialist views.

He participated in the activities of the National Youth League, Bangalore, a Socialist organisation, in 1936 and 1937 and was a member of the Reception Committee formed in connection with the Youth Conference arranged by the League in June 1937. In January 1938 he attended the All Karnatak Youth Conference held at Ranibennur and in December 1938 attended the All India Students' Federation at Calcutta. He was an active member of the Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore which was formed in May 1937 and was a close friend of other prominent members of the Union, such as N.D. Shankar, M.S. Rama Rao, C.B. Monniah, Savoi Aswatha Rao, S. Ramaswami and others. This Union had contacts with the Bombay Branch of the Communist Party of India from which its members were receiving ~~Communist~~ Communist & and Socialist literature

Socialist literature, and Narayanamurthy was personally acquainted with M.R. Masani, N.H. Upadhyaya and S.S. Batliwala, well-known Communists of Bombay. He defied a prohibitory order promulgated by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, on 19-6-37 under section 45 Mysore Police Act and was fined Rs.25/- on 9-9-37. In August 1937 he was prosecuted under section 107 Cr.P.C. for objectionable activities but on his tendering an apology the case was withdrawn.

At present he is not a member of any political organisation nor has he come to notice in connection with any objectionable activities since 1939. His political outlook appears to have changed entirely and he does not now appear to believe either in Socialism or Communism.

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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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DIWAN'S OFFICE
27. FEB. 1941
No. 5699.

My dear Venkatesa Iyengar.

I enclose for the information of Government a note on the Communist Group in the Mysore State.

Yours
Peel

Personal No 2572

Member) MM 27/2/41

~~M. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,~~
~~Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,~~

Diwan) MS 27-2-41

To be put up for his information - S.O. to P.S.

Member)

D.O. No. C. 273

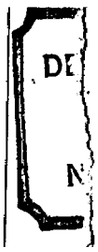
Enc: 1 Note.

8th February 1941.

My dear Sir Charles,

I enclose you for kind submission to His Highness for information a note by the Inspector-General of Police on Communist activities in the State.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

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Bangalore C.B.

March 11½ 1941

DEWAN'S OFFICE
17. MAR. 1941
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My dear Mirza

I am desired to return to you, after perusal by His Highness the Maharaja, the enclosed note on communist activities in the Mysore State by the Inspector General of Police which was forwarded under cover of your d.o. No. C 273 of the 28th February last

Yours sincerely

G Jehangir

C. S. C.B. 11/3/13

Second Member

THE COMMUNIST GROUP IN THE MYSORE STATE.

There is little evidence to indicate that there is a group of active Communists in the State, which is either affiliated to or whose activities are inspired by the Communist Party of India. Nevertheless, there is in existence the left-wing of the Mysore Congress which comprises "The progressive and Radical elements" in the State and is definitely Communist in its tendencies.

HISTORY.

The present group had its nucleus in the National Youth League which was founded by a handful of Maharashtra students in 1932. What was purely a Literary Association in the beginning was transformed in 1935 into a Political Organisation, and its members (Chief of whom were - Messrs. Savoi Aswatha Rao, N.N.Chandur, N.D.Shankar and M.S.Rama Rao) began to take an active interest in the political problems of the day. The League's aim was "the attainment of the national, economic and social freedom and the well-being of one and all, and to infuse in youth a spirit of disciplined service and self-sacrifice for the attainment of 'COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE' (Purna Swaraj) and for the betterment of Society." The subjects that usually interested them and were discussed in the League Council were Satyagraha during the Civil Disobedience Movement, the grievances of the political prisoners in Bengal, the promulgation of prohibitory orders in the State, the absence of Civil Liberty and other allied matters. The League, through its energetic Secretary, Savoi Aswatha Rao (now of the Students' Federation) had established contacts with prominent Socialists of British India, viz. Messrs. M.R.Masani, Pattabhi Sitharamiah, Ashroff, S.S.Batliwala and Srimathi Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya; and some of them had been specially invited (though their entry was banned by the Government) either to inaugurate certain important functions or to take part and advise in their deliberations.

In May 1937, another association styled "The Mass Awakeners' Union" with a more radical outlook and communist bias, came

came into existence and began to function side by side. Its aims were to impart progressive thoughts to the masses, to bring about a radical change in the social structure and evolve a free society. Its prominent members were Messrs. C.B.Monniah (now an externee), N.N.Chandur, N.D.Shankar, M.S.Rama Rao. With the coming into power of the Mysore Congress, the National Youth League was merged in the Mass Awakeners' Union, with a view to strengthen the activities of the youths, and thenceforward, it began to function as a single association forming a Left-wing of the Mysore Congress party. In its brief period of life, the Union had a sensational career and its activities were primarily responsible for the Nariman Disturbances in October, 1937. But, when Mr. C.B.Monniah, its Chief Organiser, was externed from the State, the Union was split up and its members were scattered. Now all these members, although they owe their allegiance to different political associations in the State, form the Left Bloc of the Mysore Congress.

ITS IDEALS.

This group has set before itself the same ideals as those of the C.P.I., and ~~have~~ has adopted a programme similar to the latter. They, like their brothers in British India, profess that they are not revolutionaries, have no belief in violence, but are patriotic nationalists bent only on the betterment of the working classes of the State. Like them, they outwardly advocate Trade Unionism though they are mainly concerned with the political education of the workers. With this end in view, they resent the settlement of disputes, advise strikers not to accept anything but a complete surrender of the employers and ~~sympathetically~~ systematically exploit all grievances in order to create among the workers the class hatred mentality.

The second factor common to both groups is their professed hatred of State Governments, and more particularly of the reactionary features usually to be found in States, e.g. the feudal basis of the State, absence of civil liberty, inequality before the Law, wasteful expenditure, etc. The Right Wing of the

the Mysore Congress, whose present activities are supposed to be guided by Mr. Gandhi, acts as a check upon this Communist group. It intervenes frequently in labour disputes and Mr. Bhashyam, the President of the Mysore Congress, is also the President of the Labour Union, Bangalore.

Otherwise, there is little in common between the C.P.I. and the Mysore Communists. There has been no move, so far, to convert the State Congress into either a Socialist or a Communist Organisation; nor are there any Kisan Sabhas, Peasant organisations, Red Flag Unions, etc. in the State.

ITS COMPOSITION.

The group at present has no independent platform for its activities and its members are drawn from various political parties in the State. Chief among them are:-

1. N.N.Chandur – Organiser of the Democratic People's Party - sponsored by M.N.Roy.
2. N.D.Shankar – Member of the Mysore Congress with socialistic and radical views.
3. M.S.Rama Rao – Of the Kashi Vidyapith - a Communist.
4. Savoi Aswa-tha Rao – Students' Federation, Mysore.
5. C.B.Monniah – Formerly of the Mass Awakerners' Union - now an e-xternee.
6. S.Ramaswami – Formerly President of the Mysore Transport Workers Union.
7. B.Krishna-murthy. – Secretary of the ~~Forward Bloc~~ Democratic People's party.
8. K.S.Kumaran. – Organiser of the Forward Bloc.
9. Prabhu Dev – Of the Samadharma Youth League.

Of the above, Messrs. S.Ramaswamy, B.Krishnamurthy, K.S.Kumaran and Prabhu Dev have come to notice recently, the rest being members of the defunct Mass Awakerners' Union. Mr. S.Ramaswami was the President of the Mysore Transport Workers' Union and took an active part in the Railway Workers' agitation (1939-40). He is in close touch with Mr. Guruswamy, Secretary of the All India Railwaymen's Federation. Mr. B.Krishnamurthy, formerly a radical congressman, is now the Secretary of the Democratic People's party

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party and an agent for M.N.Roy's paper - "Independent India". Mr. K.S.Kumaran, Organiser of the Forward Bloc, is closely connected with Mr. Mukundalal Sarcar of Calcutta (Bose Group) and has recently identified himself with the agitation of the Binny Mills' workers in Bangalore City. Mr. Prabhu Dev, the fourth of the new entrants, has started a separate association called - "The Indian Samadharma Youth League", whose object is stated to be 'freedom from foreign yoke', 'freedom from poverty', 'freedom from inequality', etc. This League has adopted the 'axe and plough' as its emblem.

A brief history of each individual is attached.

Note: In addition to the persons named above, the following individuals have come to notice as interesting themselves in communist or other objectionable literature:-

1. Mr. N.Sundaraja Iyengar, B.A., Retired Deputy Commissioner, XVIII Cross Road, Malleswaram - Communist literature.

2. Mr. A.R.Krishnaswami, Headmaster, Mahajana High School, Mysore. - Books relating to Japan and Italy.

3. Mr. S.R.Chandranna, s/o Shampur Ramachandriah, Doddaballapur - was responsible for the publication of extracts from Will Durant's book "The case for India".

Inspector-General of Police.

MR. N.N.CHANDUR.

Mr. N.N.Chandur (Narasimha Narayana Chandur) of 42, Hospital Road, Bangalore City, a native of Gudibande Taluk, Kolar District - an extreme Leftist of the Mysore Congress with Communist bias organiser of the Democratic People's Party in the State - an emotional speaker and an energetic propagandist - organises strikes and preaches No-tax Campaigns - a disciple of Mr. M.N.Roy.

Details.

Came to notice during the last Civil Disobedience Movement - worked secretly on the staff of the A.I.C.C. - Convicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act at Hubli and deported from Bombay Province(1931) - again arrested and convicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act and deported after release (1932) - took up residence in Bangalore and began to interest himself in the Youth Movement in the State - proceeded to Bombay in February 1934 and associated himself with Congress Socialists such as M.R.Masani, Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya and others - attended the Congress Socialists' Conference held in October 1934 - took a prominent part in a conference of the Radical Congressmen in Bombay (January 1935) - organised a strike of the workers of the Imperial Tobacco Factory, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore (June 1936) - tried un-successfully with the help of Mr. Mamnadas Mehta to organise a sympathetic strike of workers in the Peninsular tobacco factories at Calcutta. - while at Calcutta, established contact with Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, President of the All India Trades Union Congress and Rajani Mukherjee of the Royist Group - wrote a book in Kannada styled "British Imperialism and India" - sent up a resolution to the A.I.C.C. held at Calcutta urging the Indian National Congress to intervene directly in the State people's struggle (1937) - took a prominent part in the activities of the Mysore Congress (1937-38) - organised the first conference of the Radical congressmen in the State under the Presidentship of Mr. A.K.Pillay, Bar-at-Law. - took part in the Forest Satyagraha launched by the Mysore Congress and was convicted (September 1939) - was President of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi (June 1940) - attended the conference of the Radical Democratic

N. D. SHANKAR.

N.D.Shankar alias N.D.Shankarappa son of Dasappa, Kilari Road, Balepet, Bangalore City - native of Nagamangala but a permanent resident of Bangalore City - An extreme leftist of the Mysore Congress - hater of British Imperialism and anti-Federationalist - an impressive speaker and a good propagandist - promotes class hatred and fosters unrest among the working classes.

Details:

Came to notice in 1930 when he took part in the Civil Disobedience movement in Karawar District (Bombay Presidency) - convicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act and deported after release - reentered Bombay Presidency under a false name, was arrested and deported again(1931) - inactive for a long period (1931-36) - began to interest himself in the activities of the National Youth League and the Mass Awakeners' Union(Both communist organisations) started a school in the premises of the Mass Awakeners' Union and taught Hindi - spoke at meetings arranged in connection with 'Anti-War Day' and 'Hyderabad Day' (1938) - elected delegate to the Tripuri Congress - led a batch of congressmen in Bangalore City, appealing to the public not to participate in the Viceregal procession. Convened a Socialist Conference at the Vidhurashwatha Convention(1939) of the Mysore Congress - elected Secretary of the Socialist Group - took part in the first conference of the League of Radical Congressmen inaugurated by Mr. A.K.Pillay, Bar-at-Law of Madras(Royist group) - convicted under Section 124-A, I.P.C. for a seditious speech in Mandya District. Made anti-war speeches in Shimoga and was convicted under the Defence of India Rules(1939) - in Jail till September 1940 participated in the Second Session of the All Mysore Students' Conference held in Bangalore City - took a prominent part in the strike of labourers of the Binny Mills and Kaiser-i-Hind Mills - arrested on the 9th February 1941 under Section 3 of the Mysore Public Security Act and detained in custody pending orders from the Government.

Note:- A list of communist and other literature recovered from him is attached.

Inspector-General of Police.

Literature found on the person of N.D.Shankar arrested under orders of the District Magistrate, Bangalore District, under Section 3(1) of the Mysore Public Security Act, on the 9th January, 1941.

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1. "Moscow has a plan". - A Soviet Primer. (An appreciation of Soviet Russia and criticism of Capitalism.

2. A Kannada booklet entitled "Shantiahadi Kranti" (Peaceful revolution) by N.D.Shankar with a foreward by Mr.K. T.Bhashyam.

3. A cover containing two snapshots of Binny Mill strikers and manuscript writings regarding Strike.

4. Typed sheets containing particulars regarding the Binny Mill strike and a pamphlet styled "Why the Binny Mills' Workers are on strike".

Literature seized on a search of N.D.Shankar's room on 9th January, 1941 (under warrant issued by the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.)

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1. One bundle of printed pamphlets styled "Why the Binny Mill workers are on strike" (In Kannada)

2. -do- (in English).

3. One bundle of printed pamphlets styled "Why the Hebbal Mills' workers are on Strike".

4. One bundle of printed pamphlets re: the fourth Mysore congress convention to be held at Harlapura, Chitaldrug Dist., in April 1941.

5. -do- re: the Binny Mill Strike (in Tamil).

6. -do- re: the Relief Committee's appeal for help from the public.

7. A congress Flag badge.

8. One printed handbill in Tamil published by the K.G.F. Workers' Union, Kuppam.

9. Two issues of Independent India dated 22-12-40 and 5-1-41.

10. One issue of 'Forward' dated 4-1-1941.

11. A supplement to 'Bharath Devi' - a Tamil Newspaper, Madras, regarding K.G.F. Mine affairs.

12. One printed pamphlet styled "Reforms and General elections in Mysore - Government's Drive against Mysore Congress".

13. A printed handbill of the Indian Samadharma Youth League.

M.S.S. RAMA RAO.

M.S.Rama Rao, son of M.Srinivasa Rao of Nanjangud - now a permanent resident of Bangalore City - has studied up to Senior Intermediate Class - an active worker of the Students Federation identifies himself with labour movements and creates unrest among the working classes - a confirmed communist and has contact with Rastamji Satin (detenu), D.K.Bedekar, and other communist members of the C.P.I. - is also in contact with Mr. Jayaprakash Narain of the All-India Socialist Party.

Details

Came to notice as an active member of the National Youth League(1936) - joined the Kashi Vidyapathi, Benares(1937) - took part in an agitation of workers in connection with the strike of the Benares Iron Foundry - attended a private meeting of the Communist Workers when a Central Executive of the Benares Communist Group was formed - was prominent at a meeting of Communists held in the office of the Congress Committee, Benares, when a proposed strike of students, mill workers and mazadoors on the 'Independence Day' celebrations was discussed(1939) - joined others in visiting schools and colleges in an effort to get the institutions closed in order to allow students to join the 'Independence Day' processions - was among those who attended a meeting of the local communists convened by Dr. Sajjad Zahir(C.P.I.) in Benares - February 1940 - attended a meeting addressed by Dr. Balakrishna Keskar who claimed friendship with communists abroad (March 1940) - attended a secret meeting in the house of Satyabrata Das Gupta (C.P.I.) at which the leading communists were present and when it was decided to take advantage of the present political situation - in July 1940, tried to interview Mr. Rustumji Satin, the communist detained under the Defence of India Rules in the Benares Jail - found to be a close associate of Miss. S.Satin - sister of Rustumji Satin (now in Gwalior) - returned to Bangalore in August 1940 - was very busy writing a thesis on the 'Hindi Movement in South India' for submission to the National University, Benares (1940) - took an active part in the Second Conference of the All Mysore State Students Federation - identified himself with the labour agitation of the Binny Mill workers who

who went on strike on the question of bonus - became a member of the Strike Committee, addressed a number of labour meetings, and advised the strikers not to resume work till their demands were met - as a result, was arrested on a warrant issued by the District Magistrate under Section 3 of the Mysore Public Security Act and detained in custody (February 1941) - on his house being searched, some communist literature was found, vide separate list.

Inspector-General of Police.

Literature found on the person of M.S.Rama Rao, arrested under orders of the District Magistrate, Bangalore, under Section 3(1) of the Mysore Public Security Act, on the 10th January, 1941.

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1. Two sheets of paper containing figures of alleged expenditure on the Palace, Jails, Police, Army and Defence etc,
2. A piece of paper containing writings with the heading "Fascism, the embodiment of all reactions".
3. One Poster of Vinodini containing some quotations on "Revolution and Fascism".

Literature seized on a search of M.S.Rama Rao's room on the 10th January 1941 (under a warrant issued by the District Magistrate, Bangalore District).

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1. "On the eve of the October revolution" by V.I.Lenin, published by the Socialist Literature Publishing Co., Gokulpura, Agra.
2. "Indian Princes under British Protection" by P.L.Chudgar. The book criticises the Palace and personal expenses of Princes in India.
3. A book in Hindi containing M.N.Roy's lectures to the Congress Socialist Party.
4. "Value, Price and profit addressed to Working men" by Karl Marx. The book seems to deal with the working class people, their wages etc.
5. "State and Revolution" - Marxist teaching about the theory of the State and the tasks of the Proletariat in the Revolution.
6. "Outline Scheme of Swaraj" - by Shriyut Deshbandhu C.R.Das and Sriyut Bhagavan Das (Fifth Edition).
7. "J.Stalin - Interview with Emil Ludwig".
8. "Lenin - The State - Pamphlet Service 7".
9. "Lenin's theory of Imperialism by N.Popov. Pamphlet Service 6 (both the above books are published by the Socialist literature Publishing Co., Agra. Author - Karl Marx.
10. "Wage, Labour and Capital" of "How shall we change Society - 17" also by Socialist Literature Publishing Co., Agra. Author - Karl Marx.
11. "The final victory of Socialism in Soviet Russia" by Joseph Stalin of "How shall we change Society - 14".
12. Seven books of the Political Economy Course serial Nos. 4,5,6, 7,8,9, and 11. The series deal with wages and accumulation of capital, distribution of surplus value, economic crises, Imperialism, etc. All these books are Marxist Study courses and deal with communism.
13. "Critique of the Goethe Programme" by Karl Marx.
14. A booklet of the Mysore Motor Workers' Union, Mysore, with the slogan "Workers of the World Unite".
15. A printed pamphlet in Kannada styled "Responsible Government,"

SAVOI ASWATHA RAO.

Savoi Aswatha Rao, son of Bheema Rao, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City - now a student of the Maharaja's College, Mysore - a staunch congressite with leftist tendencies - intelligent, a good organiser and propagandist - though uncouth figure, a vehement and an impressive speaker. A promoter of youth movements and a champion of civil liberty - an associate of Mr. T.R.Nassir, Srimathi Kamala Devi, Dr. K.S.Pardhar and others - anti-federationist and anti-Imperialist - now an organiser of the Students' movement in the State.

Details.

His election to the Bangalore City Congress Committee and his keen interest in the Youth movement marked his first appearance in politics(1936). As Secretary of the National Youth League, invited Messrs. M.R.Masani, N.S.Hardikar, S.S.Bethwala and Srimathi Kamladevi - all socialists of British India, to take part in the activities of the League - published articles in the Press criticising the promulgation of prohibitory orders as an encroachment on the legitimate rights of the people - wrote Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. Ashraf stating that the Mysore Government is feudalistic and suppresses the growing consciousness of the masses, that the condition of the subjects is mostly deplorable and that ceaseless exploitation is going on -participated in the observance of Deshmukh Day - convicted under the Mysore Police Act for violating the prohibitory orders(1937). Represented the Youth League at a Conference of Youths held at Rani Bennur(Bombay Presidency) - took an active part in organising Ward Congress Committees in the city - in a speech on "Anti-War Day" he observed that the German had no right to say that the country's resources were at the disposal of Britishers in case war broke out - Observed "Hyderabad Day" (1938)

At a public meeting held in connection with the T.R.Mill strike, he attributed the poverty, unemployment and low wages of labourers to the "Bureaucratic British Government" - Persuaded the

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the students to go on strike on Independence Day (Jan.26,1939) - Observed Communist Day (March 20, 1939) - At another meeting he advocated the system of Government in Soviet Russia and characterised the Native State Princes as the "Slaves of British Imperialists" - Interested himself (with Mr.S.Ramaswamy) in the Railway Workmens agitation in Mysore and addressed a number of Labour meetings(1939). Resumed his Collegiate Studies(1940).

Organised the Second All Mysore Students' Conference and invited Dr.K.B.Krishna to preside over its deliberations(Jan. 1941).

Inspector-General of Police.

C. B. MONNIAH.

C.B.Monniah, son of Biddiah, a native of Coorg – had his Secondary education in Mercara and further studies in Madras and the Kashi Vidyapith (Benares) – Bold and defiant – a confirmed Communist with Revolutionary tendencies – a champion of Civil Liberty – identifies himself with Youth movements and Labour agitations – a hater of British Imperialism – organiser of the defunct Mass Awakeners' Union – has contact with prominent Socialists of British India (Now a deportee from the State).

Details.

Joined the first Civil Disobedience Movement as a Seva Dal Volunteer – arrested at Ankola under the Criminal Law Amendment Act and convicted(1932) – returned to Coorg and again courted arrest by participating in a demonstration in Hudikere Shandy – returned to Karvar (Bombay Presidency), was arrested and convicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act(1933) – went to Madras and studied Hindi, proceeded for higher studies to Kashi Vidyapith (Benares) where he remained till 1936 – returned to Bangalore about November 1936 and began to interest himself in the Youth movements in the State – became a member and later organiser of the Mass Awakeners' Union – had an interview with Mr. M.R.Masani in connection with the ban imposed on him by the Government – observed "Fundamental Rights Day" and "Detenus' Day" – as secretary of the Mass Awakeners' Union, induced its members to violate prohibitory orders which later on culminated in the Nariman Disturbances – prosecuted in that connection and convicted(1937) – on account of his objectionable activities in the State, externed from the State (April 1938) – violated the externment order, was arrested and again externed under the Mysore Public Security Act – again entered the State in violation of the ban, was arrested and convicted under the Mysore Public Security Act(1939) – after a few months' stay in Coorg, proceeded to Kuppam, joined the K.G.F. Labour Union and interested himself in its activities – established contact with Mr.P.R.K.Sharma, Labour Leader of Madras(1940). He is since reported to have left Kuppam.

Inspector-General of Police.

. RAMASWAMY.

S.Ramaswamy, son of S.Seetharamiah, Basavangudi, Bangalore City, became prominent in 1932 when he was arrested in Ankola for participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement - a socialist and a labour leader - a champion of civil liberty - hater of British Impe-rialism - a good organiser, propagandist and vehement speaker.

Details.

Arrested and convicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act at Ankola(1932) - returned to Bangalore and elected a member of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee(1934) - collected funds in aid of the Sathyagrahis who were convicted in the Civil Disobedience Movement - observed "The All India Detenus' Day" - elected Secretary of the Municipal Workers' Union(1935) - Took a prominent part in the activities of the National Youth League and the Mass Awakeners' Union(1936) - Observed "Fundamental Rights Day" and "Tilak's Day" - Persuaded the members of the Mass Awakeners' Union to break prohibitory orders and court arrest - in connection with the observance of the Bengal Detenus' Day, condemned the policy of the Central and the Bengal Governments(1937). Interested himself in congress activities(1938) - In connection with the celebration of "Independence Day", appealed to the students to go on strike and assert their rights - on "Communist Day" (20th March, 1939), spoke highly of the activities and achievements of the Communist party in India and urged the formation of such a party in Mysore - addressed a number of meetings of the labourers of the Mysore Railway Workshop and created unrest among them - urged the need for the formation of a Railway Workers' Union at Mysore - was served with orders of the District Magistrate, Mysore, prohibiting him from delivering speeches in Mysore City - later, externed from Mysore City for a period of two months - entered Mysore City violating the ban and courted arrest - bound over under Section 107 Cr.P.C.(1939) - in jail till September 1940 - Associated himself with Messrs. N.D.Hardikar Shankar, N.N.Chandur,

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N.N.Chandur, M.S.Rama Rao, Savoi Aswatha Rao and others in connection with the holding of the All Mysore Students' Conference (December, 1940) - took part in its deliberations (January, 1940).

~~Inspector-General of Police.~~

B. KRISHNA MURTHY.

B. Krishna Murthy, son of Rama Rao, a native of Davangere Town but a permanent resident of Bangalore City - studied upto Senior Intermediate Class - a member of the Radical Group of the Mysore Congress - a good speaker and a propagandist - a close friend of Mr. N.N.Chandur and a follower of Mr. Roy.

Details.

Joined the political movement in 1931 when he proceeded to Kharwar as correspondent of the Tai Nadu to report on the non-copperation movement in British India. Took part in the Civil Disobedience Movement in North Canara, was convicted and deported after release(1933) - inactive(1934) - was the Secretary of the Young Workers' League and collected funds in connection with the celebration of the 'All India Detenus' Day' - invited Srimathi Kamaladevi to attend the Inaugural function of the Young Workers' League(1935) - inactive (1936-1938) - took part in a conference of the Radical Congressmen held in Mysore and presided over by Mr.A.K.Pillay of Madras - made efforts to hold 'Anti-Dasara demonstration' in Mysore(September 1939) - on account of his objectionable activities was home - interned in Nandagudi village for a period of six months - convicted under Section 10 of the Mysore Public Security Act for violation of the Internment order(1939) - in response to the appeal of Mr.M.N.Roy, observed 'Anti-Fascist Day' - took uprsales agency of 'Independent India' - made efforts to start a Radical House, and to publish small pamphlets in Vernacular regarding Publishing/Socialism and Communism - sold Socialistic literature in the Swadeshi Exhibition held under the auspices of the Mahila Samaj, Bangalore City - at a meeting of the Radical Congressmen, symapathised with the labourers of K.G.F. in their hardships(1940).

~~Inspector General of Police.~~

K. S. KUMARAN.

K.S.Kumaran alias Sampath Kumaran, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore City - has studied up to S.S.L.C. Class - commenced his political activities while still a student and came to notice in the early part of 1939 - though not an impressive speaker, his speeches are often seditious - runs a newspaper stall and disseminates Socialistic literature - anti-Imperialist and anti-Federationist - a true follower of Mr. Subas Chandra Bose - has contact with Mr. Mukundalal Sarkar, Secretary of the All India Forward Bloc, Mr. Nariman of Bombay and Mr.H.V.Kamath.

Details.

His election to the City Congress Committee and his association with Mr.N.N.Chandur brought him to prominent notice in politics (March 1939) - In connection with the "Political Prisoners' Day" carried placards with slogans condemning British Imperialism (July 1939) - Organised a branch of the Forward Bloc sponsored by Mr. Subas Chandra Bose - sent a telegram to Mr. Bose to use his influence to prevail upon the A.I.C.C. to take up the question of Mysore - convicted for a seditious speech in Bangalore City(1939) - in Jail till September 1940 - made an appeal to the merchants of Bangalore to protest against the arrest of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and to observe hartal(November 1940) - made contact with Mr.Prabhu Dev of the Samadharma Youth League and tried unsuccessfully to amalgamate that League with the Left Bloc of the Congress - attended a private meeting of Radical Congressmen and discussed problems relating to the labour agitation at K.G.F.(December 1940) - took part in the deliberations of the II Mysore State Students' Conference held in Bangalore City (January 1941) - identified himself (along with Messrs. N.D.Shankar and M.S.Rama Rao) with the labour agitation of the Binny Mill workers who went on strike on the question of bonus - became a member of the Strike Committee, issued printed appeals, and persuaded the workers not to return to work till their demands were met - as a result, was arrested under Section 3 of the Mysore Public Security Act on the 9th February and detained in custody pending orders from Government.

Note: A list of papers and correspondence seized at the time of his arrest is attached.

Correspondence found on the person of K.S.Kumaran arrested under orders of the District Magistrate, Bangalore District, under section 3(1) of the Mysore Public Security Act, on the 9th Jan.1941.

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1. A letter dated 2-10-39 from the Congress Forward Bloc Organiser Mr.A.A.Mandgi, B.A., LL.B., Belgaum, requesting all the leftist members of the A.I.C.C. and Mr. N.D.Shankar to attend some meeting and support a resolution of Mr. Subas Chandra Bose.

2. A letter dated 12th December 1940 from K.S.Kumaran, Mysore Provincial Organiser, Congress Forward Bloc, containing the writers opinion on the present political situation and criticism of the Bengal and Mysore Governments.

3. An acknowledgment of registered letter No.90 dated 28-1-41 addressed to the Labour Commissioner, Government of Mysore.

4. A printed pamphlet styled "Why the Binny Mills' Workers are on Strike?"

5. A typed sheet styled "Why the Binny Mill Workers, Hebbal Branch, are on strike".

6. A manuscript sheet containing resolutions alleged to have been passed on 24-1-41 electing K.S.Kumaran, President of Hebbal Mills Strikers and M.S.Rama Rao, Secretary of the same.

7. Copies of two letters dated 27th and 28th Jan. 1941 addressed to the Labour Commissioner, regarding the Hebbal Mill Strikers.

8. Letter dated 28-1-41 addressed to the Managing Director, Hebbal Mills.

Literature seized on a search of K.S.Kumaran's room on 9th January 1941 (under a warrant issued by the District Magistrate, Bangalore District).

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1. Handbills printed in Kannada appealing for relief to the Binny Mill Workers.

2. A printed pamphlet being the bulletin of K.P.C.C. issue No.3 for the month of August, 1939.

3. Eight sheets of typed matter styled "Our Task". It deals with the present situation and makes out a case for starting activities in India, taking advantage of the present war to gain freedom.

4. A file of correspondence regarding the organisation of the Forward Bloc from Mr. Mukundalal Sircar, Calcutta.

5. A copy of a letter addressed by C.B.Monniah dated 8-10-40 to the Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore, Bangalore, regarding his deportation from the State.

6. Some manuscript matters regarding the strike situation.

7. A note book containing pencil writings of extracts from certain authors on "Socialism and Communism".

8. A file containing correspondence regarding the Mill Strike and the activities of the local congress committee.

9. A placard with the words "Down with Capitalism".

10. A file board containing cuttings from Newspapers (Particularly from 'Hindusthan Standard').

K. PRABHU DEV.

K. Prabhu Dev alias K.Prabhu Devan, son of the late Kalyana Sundaram Iyer, No.11, Cubbonpet, Bangalore City. Employed as a part-time worker in the Mysore Oodabathi Factory, Bangalore - Interests himself in labour problems and mass-uplift - takes part in students' activities - Organised the Indian Samadharma Youth League which has adopted the Axe and Plough as its emblem instead of the Hammer and Sickle of the Communists.

Details.

Founded in August, 1940, the Indian Samadharma Youth League, the object of which is stated to be "Freedom from foreign yoke", "Freedom from poverty", "Freedom from inequality" - has started night schools, two in Cubbonpet and one in Srirampur, with the object of encouraging mass education and eradicating un-touchability - collected funds for the maintenance of these schools (1940).

Established contact with Messrs. N.N.Chandur, N.D.Shankar, M.S.Rama Rao and other members of the leftist bloc - took part in the activities of the All Mysore Students' Conference held in Bangalore City (January 1941).

Inspector-General of Police.

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Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 6th December 1941.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore District: The following are elected for the Reception Committee of the next Session of the Mysore Congress Convention - Messrs: V. Venkatappa - Chairman; T. Siddalingiah & H.R. Guruva Reddi - Vice-presidents; T. Made Gowda - General Secretary; and K. Subba Rao - Treasurer.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City: The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress will meet at Bangalore on the 10th December. The results of the interviews of Mr. Siddiah with the Dewan and of Mr. Bhashyam with Mr. Gandhi are likely to come up for discussion at the meeting.

At a meeting of the congress members of the Bangalore City Municipal Council held on the 1st instant, Messrs: K. Hanumanthiah and V. Venkatasami Setty were selected for election as President and Vice-President respectively of the Bangalore City Municipality.

The Parliamentary Sub-Committee which is also likely to meet on the 10th instant is expected to take up the protest preferred by Mr. C.N. Narasinga Rao against the selection of Mr. K. Hanumanthiah, for the presidentship of the City Municipality. This selection of Mr. Hanumanthiah appears to have caused great discontentment among certain congressmen.

Bangalore District:

CONVENTION - FIFTH SESSION - MYSORE CONGRESS.

Messrs: K. Subba Rao, K. Hanumanthiah, T.Madegowda, Narayana Setty and a few others conferred at a private meeting with Mr. V.Venkatappa as President for the selection of Office-bearers for the Reception Committee.

Shimoga District: At a private meeting of the local congress workers at Bhadravathi presided over by Mr. Pandurangappa Setty, it was suggested by Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao and others that the proposal to hold the Conference of the District Congress Workers at Bhadravathi, might be dropped in view of the prohibitory orders.

Kolar District: The Working Committee of the Kolar District Congress Committee met at Oolvadi, Chintamani taluk on the 2nd December 1941.

A Charka School has since been opened in Pathapalya, Bagepalli taluk, and it is learnt that some grant has been sanctioned by the District Board, Kolar, in this connection to make the village a Khadi Spinning and Weaving Centre. Mr. A. Subbaraya Setty, Member of the District Board and a congressman is in charge of the Institution.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Mysore District: In connection with the observance of the "Political Prisoners' Day", a public meeting was held at Mysore with Mr. Agaram Rangiah as President (attended by about 30 persons). Messrs: B. Narayanaswamy, A. Suryanarayana Pandit and the president referred to the significance of observing the "Day" and the alleged illtreatment of political prisoners in the jails. A resolution was adopted expressing dissatisfaction at the treatment meted out to political prisoners and requesting the Government of India to concede their demands.

Chitaldrug District: A party of congressmen consisting of Messrs: S.Nijalingappa, S. Veerabasappa, A. Bhimappa Naik, K.T. Vasudeva Reddy, and S. Vasudeva Rao visited Jagalur, Harihar and Davanagere taluks between the 25th and 28th November on propaganda work and among other matters exhorted the audience (poor gatherings) to join the congress. Mr. Nijalingappa in the course of his speech is reported to have told the audience not to pay land revenue in these times of bad crops. His speech is under scrutiny.

They have proceeded to carry on their tour in Challakere and Molakalmuru taluks from the 8th to the 13th instant.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Mr. Mohamad Shariff, advocate, Bangalore, has been elected President of the next Session of the All Mysore State Muslim Conference which is to be held at Mandya on the 13th and the 14th December.

Mr. Khaleel, the General Secretary of the League, being dissatisfied at his defeat for the presidentship, is learnt to have tendered his resignation for the Secretaryship.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung of Hyderabad is expected to attend the Session.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: Mr. T. Ramachandra who is alleging that the attitude of Mr.K.T. Bhashyam in regard to labour problem borders on Fascism,

is learnt to have gone to Wardha to interview Mr. Gandhi and acquaint him with the labour situation. Mr. Ramachandra is suspected to be keeping Mrs. Sunderaraj, a Mangalorean, who is living at Srirampuram after separating from her husband and getting a maintenance of Rs.30/- per mensem. Mr. Bhashyam was expected to convey this information to Mr. Gandhi. He has also since left for Wardha accompanied by Puttashankarappa and Venkatesh to acquaint the latter with the labour situation in the State.

A letter said to have been written by Subbaraya Upadhyaya to Mr. Gandhi asking whether it was proper on the part of the Mysore Congress to evince interest in labour activities, was referred to Mr. Bhashyam for opinion. The latter had seen Mr. Shankarlal Banker in this connection.

Ramalingam, a worker in Kolar Gold Field Mines appears to have stood for election to the Secretaryship of the Binny's Mills.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner, addressed a meeting of the workers of the Mysore Tannery on the 28th November and formed a provisional committee for the formation of an Association.

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam and D. Venkatesh addressed the workers of Bangalore Press and Minerva Mills on the 27th November on the necessity of forming Associations under the Labour Act. The next day, the workers of the AMCO Factory were addressed by Mr. Bhashyam and the Assistant Labour Commissioner and it was resolved to form an Association with its office at Cottonpet.

Mr. Bhashyam appears to have drafted a memorandum of demands on behalf of the coolies of the Railway Goods Shed.

Messrs:-Puttashankarappa and Venkatesh advised the workers of D.K. Subbiah's Factory to select their own office-bearers.

As the report of the officer deputed to enquire into the dispute between the Management and the workers of the Binny's Mills strike was unfavourable to the 9 workers concerned, they are reported to be anxious to provoke another strike. The Management has taken back for duty 3 out of the ten dismissed workers on the morning of the 1st December.

Mysore District: On the 27th November, 102 tailors working in the Mysore Branch of the Associated Agencies (which is a tailoring department of the Military uniforms) struck work on the plea of low wages and formed an Association with Babu Rao - President; Chinnasamiah - Secretary, and Raja Rao - Treasurer. On a representation to the Head Office at Madras, Organiser Mr. Narasimhachar arrived and after discussions an increase of wages from Re.0-2-6 to 0-2-9 for stitching khaki trousers was granted. About 60 workers are reported to have since returned to work. Necessary Police help was also given as the Organiser apprehended some trouble.

Shimoga District: K.S. Ramachandra Setty is learnt to have interviewed Mr. ~~Bhashyam~~ Bhashyam at Bangalore on the 28th November in connection with the labour situation at Bhadravathi. M.A. Murthi has issued a statement to the Press on 28-11-41 on Bhadravathi affairs.

Printed notices were issued by Victor, President of the Bhadravathi Labour Union, advising the workers to take further action in accordance with the Labour Act if their demands were not met.

It is reported that on the 28th November there was some hitch between some workers and the Foreman in the Rolling Mills on the plea that certain workers of the Finishing Section were asked to work in the Rolling Section. At the intervention of Victor, President of the Labour Union, the workers are reported to have resumed work.

At a meeting of the Working Committee of the Labour Union held on the 29th November at Bhadravathi it was decided that they should press only the following four demands at present:-

1). A dearness allowance of Rs.3/- per head per month.,
2). Minimum wages of annas ten for male workers and annas eight for female workers,
3). Provident Fund benefits, and
4). One anna increment for each member in the shape of Provident Fund (Sic)

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, and T.T. Sharma, visited Bhadravathi on 29-11-41 and had discussions with the Chairman of the Iron Works with a view to arranging a settlement between the workers and the Management.

As regards the terms of agreement it is reported that the members of the Executive Committee of the Labour union stated that the labourers would agree if the prohibitory orders under Section 39, M.P.A. were withdrawn.

Later, the agreement signed by 21 members of the Committee was handed over to the Chairman by Victor and H.K. Puttiah who were objected for having delivered it without the permission of the leaders (Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao and others) and further contended that unless certain amendments were made, the agreement was null and void. It was written on walls, pipes and other places in charcoal and chalk that if the demands were not fulfilled, there would be a strike.

At a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Paper Mills' Labour Union, with Mr. B.P. Halappa as President, they decided to have 30 members instead of 28 on the Committee.

On the 3rd December, the District Magistrate, Shimoga, passed an order under section 144 Cr.P.C. banning Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao from entering the limits of Bhadravathi and 6 miles around and directing him not to participate in exciting the labourers in unlawful activities etc, for a period of 2 months.

Kolar Gold Fields: It is understood that Shanmugham alias De-Singh, an associate of C.B. Monniah, will be set up as a rival candidate to Mr. P.R.K. Sharma for the Office of the President of the new Labour Union of the Marikuppam Mine.

At a meeting of labourers held at Bisanatham, C.B. Monniah criticised the activities of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and exhorted the workers to organise a strike in case their demands were not conceded.

During the week Mahimanathan, Perumal and some others held meetings in the S.R. Building, Champion Reef. Similarly, some workers of the Mysore Mine - G. Narayana Swamy, Kannayappa and their party, were found meeting regularly in their rented building. On both the buildings red flags with the emblem of Hammer and Sickle are hoisted. The Mysore Mine employees are said to be in touch with the communist party at Kuppam headed by Lakshmana Modaliyar, C.B. Monniah, Shanmugham and others who appear to be trying to bring about a split among the labourers and also to organise strikes by instigating them to gain their own ends. The movements of Narayanaswamy, Ebenizer and their party are being watched.

Is the use of such flags permitted in British India?

SOCIAL

Mysore District: With Mr. K.C. Subbanna as President, a meeting of Lingayets was held at Badanaguppe on the 27th November, attended by about 400 Lingayets, important among them being Messrs: B.S. Puttaswamy, K.N. Puttanna and some others. An appeal was made for contribution towards the construction of a High School and a Veerashaiva Anathalaya at Chamarajanagar. A resolution was also adopted to start a District Veerashaiva Sabha in the District Head Quarters with branches in all taluks.

Chitaldrug District: A Parliamentary debate was held in the District Board Hall at Chitaldrug on the 29th November on "Women are in no way inferior to men". Srimathi Bellary Siddamma and Nagarathnamma (congressites) took part in the debate.

RELIGIOUS

Kolar District: Shama Sharma resident of Ootakur in Hindupur taluk delivered a speech on "Ahimsa" (Non-violence) at Gulur, Bagepalli taluk, on the 27th November.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mysore District: As a protest against the convening of the monthly meeting of the Municipal Council, Gundlupet, presided over by Mr. Basappa, Vice-president, (congress party) in the absence of the Amildar-President, the members of the Independent and Muslim parties led by Mr. Honnappa staged a walk-out. A telegraphic message is learnt to have been given to the Deputy Commissioner in the matter.

Kolar Gold Field: Mr. M. Ramakrishniah, said to be the Secretary of the Kolar District Congress Committee, opened the Young Men's Association in the IV Cross Road, Robertsonpet, on the 4th instant.(K. Changalaraya Reddy Youth League Association). Mr. P.M. Govinda Raju, President of the newly constituted Congress Committee, distributed printed notices in this behalf. The office-bearers are :- Ranganathan - Vice-President; G. Sambandam - Secretary; and Srinivasan - ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer, Singaram and 6 others - members.

The aim and object of the League are said to be to spread education, to eradicate the drink evil, and develope home industries etc.

Activities of the League are being watched.

VISITORS

Mr. C. Rajagopalachar left Bangalore for Madras on the morning of the 4th instant.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

Bangalore,
December 9, '41.

MSM.

Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.

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Dated ....17th January.... 1942.

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Dear Mr. Kesaviengar,

INDIAN SAMADHARMA SANGHA.

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I am sending herewith for favour of perusal a copy of the report No. C.C. 296/40-41 dated 15-1-1942, received from the City Superintendent of Police.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

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INDIAN SAMADHARMA SANGHA.

I have the honour to state that the Sree-Ramapuram Branch of the above Sangha, organised by Externee Prabhu Dev, is still continuing its existance. One Vajram of Mysore Mills (convicted in the last strike), Annasamy and another are looking after the Institution. There are about 20 to 30 students who attend ~~xx~~ the Institution daily. Doraisamy of the Mysore Mills takes a little interest in the working of the School. For the present it seems that after the externment of Prabhu Dev, little importance is attached to the name - "Indian Samadharma Youths' League".

There is another branch of the Institution run on the efforts of one Varada Raj of the Binny Mills and one Nair (a dispiple of Prabhu Dev) at No.176, Manager Ranganna's Lane, Manavarthpet, Bangalore City. In this Institution there are about 15 students.

The Teachings in these Institutions have